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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification as indicated below:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 16 with the following amended paragraph:

This invention provides a therapeutic agent capable of specifically forming a complex with human immunodeficiency virus envelope glycoprotein comprising a poly-peptide. In one embodiment of the invention, the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide comprises the amino acid sequence shown in Figure 6 ~~(SEQ ID NO:9)~~ (SEQ ID NO:9) from about +1 to about ~~+185~~ +183 fused to the amino acid sequence from about +353 to about +371. In another embodiment of the invention, the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide comprises the amino acid sequence shown in Figure 6 ~~(SEQ ID NO:9)~~ (SEQ ID NO:9) from about +1 to about +106 fused to the amino acid sequence from about +353 to about +371. In yet a further embodiment of the invention, the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide comprises the amino acid sequence shown in Figure 6 ~~(SEQ ID NO:9)~~ from about +1 to about ~~+185~~ +183, i.e., from about amino residues 26 to 208 of SEQ ID NO:9.

Please replace the Sequence Listing on file with the new Sequence Listing attached hereto as **Exhibit A.**